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SALARIES AT HOWARD.

We hope that the fact that President Taft interested himself in the matter of securing a fair estimate for appropriations for the colored schools of Washington, and by his action and interest shown has doubtless put a stop to further discrimination in the appropriations for the colored schools, will induce President Thirkield to prepare his estimates for next year so as to provide decent living salaries for the professors and instructors at Howard University. The thought of estimating for salaries as low as \$1,700 for deans and full professors, and as low as \$500 and \$600 for instructors in a university that is national, and one which is proudly proclaimed as an institution for "higher education," is simply abhorrent. President Thirkield should know from experience that his salary (munificent as compared with the ridiculous salaries paid his collaborators at Howard), is not sufficient for more than a comfortable existence. And if this be true, how far below "comfortable" must the existence of the deans and instructors at Howard be? There is no valid excuse for rewarding years of studious and expensive preparation for imparting higher education with salaries lower than those paid government clerks who are only required to pass an examination any grammar school pupil can pass, and in some instances with salaries below that received by messengers and unskilled laborers in the employ of the government. The Bee hopes that President Thirkield will, at least, go as far as he can, and use every honorable means and influence to procure better salaries for the members of Howard University faculty, each and every one of whom merits more—much more than they are receiving. We opine that President Taft, who is a member ex-officio of the Howard Trust Board, would have the same interest in seeing fair play there as he has in securing fair play in the matter of appropriations for the common schools. We believe President Thirkield will do his part.

TAFT'S VETOES.

The vetoes of President Taft, sent to Congress, of legislation he wisely considered hasty, are being applauded by the people of this country. If there is one thing the people of this country admire as much as honesty it is courage. Mr. Taft has shown remarkable courage in these vetoes. He has clearly demonstrated that when he has a duty to perform—a duty to the whole people—he does not hesitate to measure the effect it will have upon his own personal ambitions or fortunes, but does that duty without regard to his own future. From every section of the country comes the assurance that the people have made a new appraisal of Mr. Taft, and this new appraisal is infinitely higher than all former appraisements. The country is slowly, but surely awakening to the fact that William Howard Taft is a big man in brains as well as of body; that he is a man of strong convictions, admirable courage, and devotion to duty.

Negroes cannot begin to estimate what an appreciable effect the President's stand, respecting the Reciprocity Treaty, Farmers' Free List bill, and the wool revision act will have upon them—effect for good.

Had not the President insisted upon the passage of the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty, and vetoed the Free List and the Wool bill, the business of this country would have suffered greatly. The fact that the Negro is largely an unskilled la-

borer would have, in the event business would have experienced a check, made him, the Negro, the greatest sufferer.

And it is about time that the Negro should begin to consider his relation to economic questions a little more, and think a little less of political preferment.

A MUSHROOM SHOW.

One, J. Silas Harris, who is principal of a colored school building in Kansas City, which has as many as two rooms—just two—annually, for the past two years, has been advertising a National Negro Educational Congress. Last year this self-elected president called his congress to meet in St. Louis. This year he chose the Rocky Mountain State—Colorado—and the city of Denver in which to assemble his hosts. But hosts there were none. His delegates are selected in a peculiar way, and we use the word "peculiar" to convey the same meaning intended by Bret Hart when he said that "for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, the heathen Chinese are peculiar." Mr. Harris calls upon the various Governors of the States to select and commission any number of colored men, the elect, to go as delegates to Mr. Harris' personally conducted personal convention. The commissions are issued in due form, and the commissioned then elect to remain home, ignoring the Harris congress. Last year he invited Prof. Kelly Miller, dean of Howard University, to deliver the address, but the wise professor heeded not the invitation. This year he invited Mr. Wm. H. Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, to make the principle address, but Mr. Lewis remained at his desk in Washington, far from where the Rockies poke their snow-capped peaks into the cerulean of the skies. Now it is about time that the public should know that this alleged National Negro Educational Congress, personally conducted by one J. Silas Harris, is a barren ideal—a misnomer—a vision of a man who has an idea that people really take him seriously. Let us ring down the curtain on J. Silas Harris and his mushroom show.

DR. SHEPARD'S SCHOOL.

The North Carolina Durham Reformer has an excellent article on the closing of the National Religious Training School, of which Dr. James E. Shepard is president. The able editor of the Reformer pays a deserving compliment to a deserving and worthy man. If there ever was a man who is entitled to the support and confidence of the people of the South it is this progressive young man.

The Summer School this year was the most successful in the history of the institution.

With one James A. Cobb "vacationing" in Boston, the matrimonial market may take a spurt upwards.

The Negro lawyers of this country are practically a unit in favor of the renomination and election of President Taft. He has recognized them as no previous President ever did.

The Cleveland Journal, after several weeks' vacation, has again made its appearance. But Harry Smith and his Gazette, like The Bee, never forgets to appear each week on schedule time.

The Bee is recognized as Washington's only Negro newspaper, because it prints the news—several columns each week, while its would-be rivals palm off only a column or two of fresh-set stuff as a newspaper. The Bee and the people of Washington recognize the existence here of but one colored newspaper, and that's The Bee.

The meeting of the National Negro Business League at Little Rock last week was a great success. Dr. Washington, by his devotion to this organization, has demonstrated the capacity of the Negro for business. Now what Washington wants is a strong local business league, composed of real business men. It will never be a success until business men are behind the local organization.

Mr. J. C. Napier, so reports around the Treasury Department say, is making the best Register that office has had since the time of the late B. K. Bruce. Mr. Napier carries all the dignity a man needs to carry, and in doing so he doesn't find it necessary to be away from his office most of the time. He's there at his desk early and late, conducting his own office. And we admire him for it. Such men reflect credit upon the race.

The "Sage" writes The Bee that

he is having a "deucedly clever" time, and that while at Atlantic City he got some awfully interesting data for some "smoking hot stuff" when he returns. Watch The Bee next week for the reappearance of the Sage, and, to use his words, "as big as life and twice as natural." The Bee will be on sale at all news stands.

Ohioans Aroused.

(From the Union.)
"The above article is worthy of the serious attention of all citizens of this State, the law gives us equal rights. We cannot advocate too strongly the necessity of mixed schools. In Wyoming some of the colored people advocate separate schools, others do not. A meeting will be held there Sunday, and we will give our readers the result. We hope that our colored brothers will act wisely. The rights of all should be jeopardized in order to furnish a job for one colored teacher."

The Cincinnati Ohio Union, published in Cincinnati, Ohio, reproduced The Bee's entire editorial on the separate school question, and commented on it, as will be seen by the above. From what the Union states, the entire colored population of Ohio is aroused.

I. O. O. ST. LUKE.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 21.
The R. W. G. Council of St. Luke has just closed one of the most successful gatherings of Negro organizations ever held. They met in Richmond, Va., and had nearly 1,000 delegates, coming from twenty-one States. They have taken in 8,011 new members this year, organized 79 councils, reinstated a number of old councils, and are on a solid financial basis. Total receipts for the year, \$100,374.04. Total expenditures, \$92,504.10. They paid 456 death claims. Owe no man a penny. Have in bank to their credit from all sources, \$83,209.74.

Mrs. Maggie Walker, R. W. G. secretary and treasurer, and also president of the St. Luke bank, is one of the brainiest women of the race; is a leader indeed. The right woman in the right place. Bro. Anjel, of Philadelphia, Pa., handled that big body, of which he was R. W. Grand Chief, with a masterly hand. Deputy Mrs. B. Anderson and her associate, Rev. A. R. Garner, carried down a large representative delegation. Rev. Garner was R. W. G. Prelate, and was re-elected. Mrs. Victoria Walker had ways represented Washington on the Executive Board. She too, was re-elected to her old office.

Excellent reports on new councils, members, etc., from Washington, were made by organizing deputies, Mrs. B. Anderson, Mrs. M. Collins, and Mrs. Julia Hayes.

Mrs. Julia Mason Layton was called upon to respond to the most able welcome address given by Rev. J. A. Bowler, of Richmond, Va. We will quote the St. Luke Herald, of August 10: "A response, eloquent, burning, and soul-stirring, was made by Mrs. Julia Mason Layton, Loyalty Council, 297, Washington, D. C. Amid deafening applause the speaker took her seat only to be forced to rise and bow her acknowledgment of applause, which continued to sweep over the house."

Mrs. Layton also was chairman of Committee on R. W. G. Chief's annual address, and on the committee to extend greetings to the press of Richmond. Mr. James Hayes was chairman. Other Washington delegates who served on committees were Mrs. J. Snelson, Mrs. Sallie Barton, Miss M. Madre, Mrs. R. Lumpkins, Mrs. Cora Scott, Mrs. Heath, Mr. Barnett, Mr. W. D. Johnson, Mr. Knight, Dr. P. J. Jordan assisted in devotional exercises.

On Wednesday night Dr. Walter H. Brooks, D. D., of this city, rendered one of the best talks he ever made. Subject: "The Monetary Possibilities of the Race." It was a masterpiece. A chorus of 150 voices thrilled the audience with sweet songs. Washington was ably represented in a solo by Mrs. Eva Height. She was applauded until she consented to render another beautiful selection.

Seated on the platform with the R. W. grand officers and ministers was our own Mrs. Layton, who had been designated by the program committee to take a part in the evening's services, but time was so ably occupied that the program was cut.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Walker, tendered a reception on Thursday night at her beautiful home. One would have thought it was one of the scenes at the British Embassy in our own city. In the receiving line with Mrs. Walker was Mrs. Victoria Walker and Mrs. Julia Hayes, of Washington, D. C.

Throughout all the sessions peace and harmony existed. Every delegate seemed to be there for business, and that conducted along strictly business lines. All went home feeling benefited and with a desire to do more in the coming year for the Order.

Masonic Notes.

Mecca Temple, No. 10, A. A. O. N. M. S., held a largely attended meeting Monday evening in the mosque, Virginia Avenue and Fifth Street Southwest. Much business looking to their pilgrimage to Atlantic City was transacted. Communications were read from various Temples relative to their trip. Sentiment seemed to point to this city as the mecca for 1912, in conjunction with the international congress, which was captured at Detroit last year by Sir Knights S. P. Burnett and W. W. Walker. There is no better place for these gatherings than this city, as many attractions are enjoyed here which cannot be found elsewhere. Brothers John C. Nalle and J. T. Turner will make good standard bearers for 1912.

K. T.

There was a very large gathering of Knight Templars of the various commanderies at Green Willow Park Friday night, when the Second Commandery and members of the sister commanderies assembled in their asy-

lum in Masonic Hall, Fifth and Virginia Avenue, and, headed by a band of music, which was escorted by a platoon of Patriarchs of G. U. O. O. F. to the park. They were received by the ladies and gentlemen. They gathered to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The following program was rendered: Anniversary address by Sir K. T. John Turner, R. T. E. G. C.; A. G. Gray, E. M. T. C. Gethsemane; E. L. Webster, of Mt. Calvary; A. G. Smith, of Henderson, No. 2. After the exercises a bounteous repast was served. Dancing was continued until a late hour, when all departed, wishing Simon Commandery God's speed to live another fifty years.

The Highland Apartment Waiters and Mr. Mansfield.

Allow me space in your valuable paper to say that Mr. Mansfield, the popular and noted head waiter of the Highland Apartment House, of Washington, D. C., has spent a month or more at Morehead City, one of the famous resorts of North Carolina. He, with his corps of waiters, did not only labor in the field in which they were called, but rendered their services in a more profitable way by helping to lift man to a higher plane in life, both spiritually, intellectually and financially. On Sunday, August 13, Mr. Mansfield and his associates raised \$30 for St. Stephens' African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, which went to pay the indebtedness of the church. On Sunday, August 20, Mr. Mansfield and his men contributed \$21 to St. Luke's Baptist Church; this money was used to have electric lights placed in the church. "God said let there be light and there was light."

The good people of Morehead City thought of the kindness and generosity shown them by Mr. Mansfield and his corps of waiters, and showed their appreciation by giving a lawn fete in their honor, which, in turn, was highly appreciated by Mr. Mansfield and his men. They passed the evening with merry songs and speech-making, and ended their evening of festivity by singing, "Shall Old Acquaintance Be Forgotten."

MONUMENT ERECTED

In Honor of the Late Rev. Robert H. Robinson, Past Grand Master.

A handsome white marble monument, standing to feet high, and finely engraved, the workmanship of Mr. John McKenny, of the Alexandria Marble Works, was erected in Bethel Cemetery last week, in memory of the late Rev. Robert H. Robinson, of Alexandria, Va., who died November, 1909, at the ripe old age of 86. Rev. Robinson was the fourth Grand Master of Freemasons for the District of Columbia in the year 1854. While a resident of West Virginia in the '80s, he reviewed the Masonic craft there, and was chosen Grand Master. At the time of his death he was next in line to the last two of the original organizers of the Washington M. E. Conference—organized in 1864—the first separate colored conference organized in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. Robinson was ordained to the ministry by the late Bishop Matthew Simpson, President Lincoln's spiritual adviser. Rev. Robinson was one of the ablest ministers of his church, and ranked second to none in the whole country. He was the peer of the smartest Masonic workman in the country. He preached acceptably for 40 years. He served as pastor at Asbury, Ebenezer, Mt. Zion and Central M. E. Churches, of Washington, and in Alexandria, Va., Baltimore, Md., Staunton, Va., Parkersburg, Charleston, and Lewisburg, W. Va., Woodlawn, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., Gettysburg and Harrisburg, Pa., Frederick, Md., and was one of the first colored delegates admitted to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1872, and was the first and only colored member of the Board of Church Extension Society of the M. E. Church, serving with general satisfaction with his white colleagues for four years.

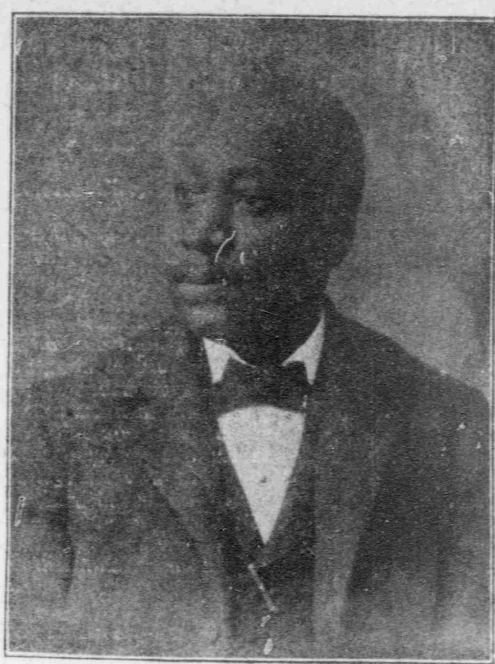
The monument has a commanding view of the cemetery. It was erected by his sons, Rev. R. B. Robinson and Editor Magnus L. Robinson, in loving remembrance of a devoted father.

The Missouri Girl.

One of the strongest endorsements of Fred Raymond's famous comedy, "The Missouri Girl," is the fact that it is probably the best self-advertised play in existence. For the past fifteen years this excellent comedy has been touring the United States and Canada continually, with from one to three companies, and in that time has built up a reputation that is the envy of the entire theatrical profession, and this strictly on its merits.

There has never been a dollar spent in the dramatic papers or magazines in advertising "The Missouri Girl." Whenever any write-up, pictures or stories have been published, they have been used as news items and not as paid ads, as is usually the case. One reason for its universal popularity is that the play appeals to all classes of theater-goers, and does not apply to any particular set or section.

The story, while not of the "hair-raising" sort, is one that is interesting and refreshing. The audience soon finds itself living with the characters, enjoying their happiness, and bemoaning their sorrows. The language is plain, simple and to the point, no obscure problems and entirely devoid of vulgarity, wearing a story of a quaint people in the rural districts of Southern Missouri. Of course the laughable side of life is depicted to a greater extent, and the author has brought the comedy element into prominence at every opportunity. The sudden jumps from grave to gay are rather startling at times, and would hardly be attempted by a less daring writer than Mr. Raymond. His comedy, however, is of such an easy, natural sort that these sudden changes do not seem harsh or out of place. The characters are types entirely different from those seen in other plays, all taken from people the author has met in real life, and this is one reason why "The Missouri Girl" is a play that stands alone in a class by itself.



DR. GEO. W. MURRAY

A SUCCESSFUL DRUGGIST.

Popular Among His People.

Dr. George W. Murray, who has been in the drug business at the corner of Second and D Streets Southwest for a number of years, is no doubt one of the most popular and best known druggists in this city. The name of Dr. George W. Murray is a household word in the Southwest. By industry and perseverance he has accumulated the necessities of life beyond all want. His friends are among the leading citizens of this city, and the lowly in the huts and hovels. If he has an enemy he is not known in the section of the city in which he does business. If he ever was angry with a man who will make an affidavit to it, "He wears a smile that never comes off." He is ready and willing at all times to assist the poor and help the church. His Christian and liberal deportment have no doubt been the secret of his success. He can appreciate a friend because he knows the value of true friendship. He is a business genius which many persons don't possess. He is a most competent druggist, which is absolutely necessary, and which is important for a community. If Dr. George W. Murray is not known by every citizen in the Southwest it must be because the individual has just been born. His prescriptions are always fresh. His prescriptions are always carefully compounded. He employs competent help, those only who are registered in conformity with the laws of the District of Columbia. The Bee cannot speak too highly of Dr. Murray, because he is one man in business who deserves all that can be said of him. The people among whom he does business have confidence in him. His success is assured, because his dealings with the people have been upon an honest basis.

He is a genial companion, and if you want to know more about the man, look him up at the corner of Second and D Streets Southwest.

with friends, has returned. Mrs. Marie Wheeler and her little son Leon, are spending time pleasantly at Profit, Va.

Mrs. Alice Harris has left New Jersey for the balance of the month.

Mr. Geo. H. Brown and wife and children are enjoying a few weeks in Richmond, Va.

A Block Carnival was held on Monday evening by the teachers of Mt. Zion M. E. Sunday school. Beautiful booths were erected on the adjacent streets to the church, where refreshments were served from the booth tables. A delightful automobile and straw ride was allowed those who desired, which many enjoyed. The committee in charge were Miss Fannie Hayes, Miss Daisy MacGruder, Miss Ella Hayes, Mrs. F. Bird, Mrs. Nettie Fisher, Miss M. Henderson, the Misses Williams, Messrs. Harry Thomas, Wm. Audrick, Samuel Brown and others. A handsome sum was realized toward the piano fund. The Junior C. E. Society of the First Baptist Church has arranged for a carnival, beginning Monday, August 28, with an apple paring contest. The Ebenezer A. M. E. school gave their annual outing at Fair View Friday. Music was furnished by the Silver Star Orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxfield Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Maxfield, of 1229 First Street Northwest, gave a social music to Mrs. Shiver and her daughter, Miss Hattie, and Miss Eva Reddon, of Springfield, O., at their home last Sunday evening. Miss Shiver is at the National Religious Training School, at Durham, N. C. Miss Genevieve B. Maxfield assisted her parents in the entertainment of the guests. Miss Shiver is one of the most talented young ladies teaching in the South. She is also one of the assistant secretaries to Dr. Shepard. The receiving party and the guests were beautifully gowned, and many musical numbers were played by Mrs. Roberts, Miss Shiver and Miss Reddon. Miss Maxfield and Miss Roberts read several selections from Dunbar, and Mr. W. Calvin Chase recited several selections from Shakespeare. A selection by Mr. Maxfield, entitled "Ingalls' Opportunity."

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Roberts, of Boston, Mass., Miss Eva Reddon, Mrs. Shiver and Miss Shiver, of Springfield, Mass., Mrs. McKinney.

The affair was a most enjoyable one. Light refreshments were served.

Sunday Baseball.

The colored churches should protest against any kind of baseball being played on the Sabbath day. The people in this city never had any trouble until the "Jim Crow" Negro entered. The "Jim Crow" crowds are bound to follow these Sunday ball games in spite of precaution. The Bee agrees with Dr. Crothers in his protest against the "Jim Crow" Negro and Sunday ball games.

Female Choir Leader.

The only female leader of a choir in this city is Mrs. A. V. Chase, of the Simpson Memorial Methodist Church. Mrs. Chase is not only an accomplished musician, but she is an author and writer of ability. She has several musical compositions that will soon be put in print.

CLERK HARPER DEAD.

One of the Most Competent Men in the Courts.

Mr. Joseph Harper, clerk in the Juvenile Court, is dead. He died at 12:15 Tuesday afternoon. His death is a sad blow to all. He was loved, honored and respected. Ever since the establishment of the Juvenile Court Mr. Harper has been a faithful assistant to Judge DeLacy. His death is a surprise to the community, and especially to the members of the bar, among whom he is so well known.

Recent Deaths.

Miss Mary Lee, a well-known resident of this section, who was found dead by her sister on Thursday morning, August 17, 1911, was buried Saturday morning. Her funeral was from Holy Trinity Church, of which she was a devout member.

Mrs. Mary Bailey, the widow of the late Wm. Bailey, died Saturday last, and was buried Wednesday afternoon from Mt. Zion M. E. Church. She was a member of the Ancient Daughters of Nabitha, who attended in a body.

Personal.

Mrs. H. Morgan, after spending several weeks in Philadelphia, Pa.,